

Social

Accident Man Celebrates His 96th Birthday



The Oak Grove Church of the Brethren recently held a surprise party for Fred Alexander, who celebrated his 96th birthday on May 1. The event was attended by many of his friends and family members.

Born in 1907 in the Bumble Bee area, Alexander has been a resident of Accident for many years and worked for the State Highway Administration for 50 years, retiring in 1972. He has also

resided in Hagerstown.

When asked to what he attributes his long life, Alexander said, "a Hershey candy bar and a nap every day." He attends Oak Grove Church of the Brethren and resides in Accident with his wife Delores.

Marriage Permits Recently Issued

Sixteen couples applied for their marriage licenses this week, according to David Martin, clerk of the Garrett County Circuit Court. Two couples requested that their names not be published.

Gary Eugene Middlekauff Sr., 35, and Marlene Rachel Hockenberry, 38, both of Funkstown.

Rodney Keith Moats, 21, and Samantha Joe Oates, 19, both of Terra Alta, W.Va.

Michael A. Miller, 23, and Brenda Sue Bedford, 21, both of Oakland.

Donald Ray Champion, 49, and Brenda Kay Leisner, 53, both of Pasadena.

Rodney Allen Lewis, 22, and Lori Beth Stanton, 19, both of Terra Alta, W.Va.

Donald A. Livengood, 62, and Edna Edelberg Smith, 55, both of Bruceton, W.Va.

Richard Martin Ravenscroft, 22, and Anne Marie Sebold, 24, Grantsville.

Nathan Edward Robyns, 28, and Monica Jeanne Murphy, 27, both of Frederick.

Jeffery Scott Miller, 36, and Lisa Dawn Pritt, 30, both of Terra Alta, W.Va.

Michael Allen Evans, 26, and Richelle Lee Mallow, 28, both of Kitzmiller.

Christopher Joseph Elliott, 26, Accident, and Rachel Suzanne Farmer, 23, Oakland.

Jesse William Bittinger, 20, Swanton, and Maria Louise Dimick, 19, Oakland.

Todd J. Snider, 36, Wilmington, Del., and Moira J. Olsen, 34, Newark, Del.

David William Lantz III, 22, and Katharine Brook Freeland, 19, both of Oakland.

Miss Decker, Mr. Davidson To Marry



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Decker, Oakland, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brittney Lauren, to Bryan Lee Davidson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan L. Davidson, Finksburg.

Miss Decker, a 2001 graduate of Frostburg State University, has a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and is employed as an accounting coordinator at Financial Computer Support Inc. of Oakland.

Mr. Davidson, also a 2001 graduate of Frostburg State University, has a bachelor of science degree in psychology and is employed as a youth advocate counselor for the Garrett County Lighthouse.

The couple will be wed on June 14 at the Crellin Assembly of God Church at 1 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Fourth Annual Secret Country Gardens Tour Set

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club has announced that plans are under way for the fourth annual Secret Country Gardens Tour. The event, which is a fund-raiser for the local club, will be held Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Gardens on this year's tour will include those of Mary and Russell Rhoads; Leona, Victor, and Brenda Nazelrod; Nellie and Conrad Henken; Martha, Miriam, and Ernest Schrock; and Traci and Kiley Royce.

Tickets, which will include coupons, maps, and written directions, may be purchased in advance at three locations: Gregg's Pharmacy in Oakland, BumbleQ's Restaurant in McHenry, and Nature's Own, located along Sang Run Road.

On the day of the tour, members of the Garrett County Historical Society will sell tickets at the gazebo in Oakland. The ticket cost is \$7.

Proceeds from the tour will be used by the garden club for the continued beautification of local communities, as well as the encouragement of gardening and sound conservation practices through club activities and programs. A portion of the proceeds will also be

donated to the historical society.

For more information about the tour, persons may contact Judy McLeod at 301-387-9015 or Kathie Smith at 301-334-3249.

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs Inc. and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland Inc.

NGRW's Club Set To Meet

The Northern Garrett Republican Women's Club will meet Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m., at the Hilltop Restaurant.

The guest speaker will be Jane Smith of the Frederick County Chapter Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. She will also present information concerning skin cancer. Local 4-H members are welcome to attend this meeting.

The fund-raiser fruit basket will be prepared by Linda Edwards, Charlotte Sebold, Jean Friend, and Orpha Miller.

All area Republican women are encouraged to become members of the NGRW. Information may be obtained by calling Louise McKenzie at 301-895-5643.

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Wedding Announcement!

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(Proverbs 18: Verse 22)



KITZMILLER STUDENTS CELEBRATE READING - As part of Reading is Fun Week, Lerry Cosner of the Bell Atlantic Pioneers visited Kitzmiller Elementary School recently to read to the students. He read stories to each grade and then presented each student with a book donated by the Pioneers. Cosner is shown above reading Clifford the Big Red Dog to students in kindergarten and first grade. Contests were also held to see who could read the most books during the month of April. Prizes were presented to those students as well.

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Commencement

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Network Administration.

The ceremony will begin with the traditional academic procession to the accompaniment of the Garrett College Pipes and Drums. Following an invocation by Rev. Donna Lee Shogren, GC president Dr. Steve Herman will welcome the graduates and their families, and introduce the platform party. Herman will then introduce the commencement speaker, Kenneth C. Montague Jr., secretary of the Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice. Candidates for degrees and certificates will be presented by Dr. Lillian Mitchell, dean of academic and student affairs, and George C. Tichnell, vice chairman of the college's

board of trustees, will confer the awards. Mitchell will also announce the recipients of the outstanding transfer student, outstanding career student, highest G.P.A. and inspiration awards, and Herman will present special recognitions.

The Pipes and Drums will conclude the ceremony with the Garrett College alma mater and "Auld Lang Syne."

Approve Budget

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tate tax, income tax, recodation tax, local transfer tax, and disparity grants. Development at Deep Creek Lake continues to be the primary foundation for an increase in the county's tax base, noted the commissioners.

Additionally, debt ser-



FOUNDER OF HIGH-PT. CLUB MEMORIALIZED - Jack Longacre, founder and long-time president of the National Highpointers Club, was remembered Saturday at Maryland's high point, located along Backbone Mountain in the southern tip of Garrett County. Longacre died on Oct. 15, 2002, and as directed in his will, his ashes are being scattered at each geographic high point of every state. Despite the rainy day, a large number of individuals climbed the Maryland mountainside to honor the man who in 1996 initiated the national club, which now involves more than 2,000 members across the country. The ceremony, organized by high point enthusiasts Lillian and Gene Elliott, involved the Boy Scouts, who opened the event with a



color guard procession and the recitation of the Boy Scout Pledge. Also taking part was John Braskey, regional director of the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources; Bob Boal, president of the Garrett County Historical Society; and Rev. John Grant, among others. The Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Mike Miller (at left in the hat), are pictured below. At left is Gene Elliott, a Garrett County resident and a member of the Highpointers Club, who offered a word of prayer. The entire crew of participants are shown

above. Ailing for some time before his death, Longacre left words of comfort and wisdom to his friends, which included the following: "Do not mourn my death, but rather celebrate the life that I have lived. I could not wait to get out of bed each morning just to find out what new thing in life I would experience or learn . . . If you would honor me today and for all times, rejoice in all things great and small in the marvelous world of nature." Photos provided by Lillian and Gene Elliott.

vice payments have been reduced by more than \$200,000 over 2003, which helps with capital projects, noted Pagenhardt. The total debt payments for FY '04 is \$680,506, which accounts for 1.3 percent of the budget.

The budget also provides for the hiring of an additional planner for the Office of Planning and Zoning, an additional correctional officer and deputy for the Sheriff's Office, and another dispatcher for Emergency Management.

The largest expenditure in the budget, 42.43 percent, is for education, which includes total operating, debt service, and capital projects. Funds were appropriated for the completion of renovation of Route 40 Elementary School, new bleachers and restrooms at Southern High School, roof replacement at Accident Elementary, a greenhouse at Northern High School, and a fire suppression system for Garrett College.

Though the Board of Education requested \$18,551,082, it was allocated \$44,900 less than that amount. Superintendent of schools Dr. Wendell Teets, however, had expected a much larger reduction because of the state's financial shape. He thanked the commissioners, county administrator, and Financial Services staff for their "great work" in staying on track to keep quality education in the county.

The Ruth Enlow Library was appropriated a 14 percent increase in operating funds over that of FY '03. "We're glad that we were able to do that," said Pagenhardt.

Public Works is the second largest segment of the FY '04 operating and capital budget, with 30.01 percent of the budget appropriated for the County Roads Department, airport, Office of Solid Waste and Recycling, and the newly created Department of Public Utilities.

The Roads Department was allocated \$15,754,280. The department is projecting 107 miles of road repairs for FY '04, with an emphasis on bituminous overlay, tar and chip maintenance, and the conversion of existing dirt roads to triple sur-



face tar and chip. Project work will include four bridge projects.

In cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Maryland Administration, the county appropriated funds for expansion at the Garrett County Airport, which will allow larger aircraft to utilize this service. The commissioners noted that the completion of this project will have long-term economic development benefits.

Economic Development and economic opportunity accounts for 8.38 percent of the FY '04 budget. Economic development continues to be a top priority for the commissioners, said Pagenhardt, to promote growth and expansion of existing business and attract new industries.

In FY '04, \$250,000 has been appropriated to the Adventure Sports Complex, a partnership project with the state, the county, and the private sector.

Holliday noted that the board of commissioners has

reduced the business personal property tax by 75 percent over the years.

"Hopefully, we can reduce it all together next year," he said, depending on the state's economy. "We need to support businesses here."

Though the county may lose money initially, in the long run, reducing the tax helps businesses to grow

and to pay their employees, which in turn helps the county, he indicated. "This is the first year in Garrett County history that the county hasn't been in the double digits with unemployment," said Holliday.

But more work needs to be done, noted Commissioner Emie Gregg. "It's no

longer important just to have low unemployment," he said. "We need to raise the standard of living. We have a long way to go."

Copies of the FY 2004 budget are available for residents at the commissioners' office in the courthouse. An online copy will also be available soon at www.garrettcountry.org.

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Eastern Star Meeting Held

Oakland Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, met Tuesday, May 6, at the Paul B. Naylor Masonic Temple. Worthy Matron Juanita Bosley and Worthy Patron Theodore Raynovich presided.

The Worthy Matron's opening thought was "A Mother's Heart." A Mother's Day program was presented by the officers and members under the direction of Deborah Raynovich. The Worthy Matron's closing thought was "Things My Mother Taught Me." The Worthy Patron's closing thought was "Grandmother's Advice."

A social hour followed

the meeting. The next meeting will be May 20 at 7:30 p.m., when the Deputy Grand Lecturer will make an official visit.

Nutrition Well-Being Workshop Set At GCMH

A nutrition well-being workshop will be held Monday, May 19, in the board room at Garrett County Memorial Hospital beginning at 6 p.m. Amy Ritchie, dietitian for the Garrett County Health Department, will be the instructor.

This workshop is for persons with cancer and anyone wanting information on addressing the basics of nutritious eating, strategies for managing nutrition prob-



GATORS HONORED - Several students at Yough Glades Elementary School were recently honored as Gators of the Month. Sitting, from the left, are Marcus Tichinel, Andrew Hauser, and Ernie Thomas. In the second row are Kayla Bittinger, Kelsey Beckman, and Tiffany Keller. In the third row are Dylan DiGirola, Kevin Colaw, Colt Mason, Leah Bentley, and Keith Miller. In the back are Tara Marple, Danielle Patton, Cody Upole, and Ashley Moats. Mathematicians were also honored at Yough Glades this month. Sitting are Matthew Hebb, Brooke Ferguson, Alexander VanSickle, Remington Switzer, Tiffani Tasker, and Jenny Jones. In the back are Chris Linton, Corinne Fike, Brooke Winning, Alex Sanders, Ryan Shreve, and Marcus Sisler.



lems and concerns, and recommendations for individualized healthy eating habits. Also to be addressed will be the role of healthy eating in cancer treatment and recovery and specific nutrition-related concerns. Persons interested in learning about nutritional

needs are encouraged to attend. The workshop is free, and registration is suggested but not required to guarantee materials. For more information or to register, persons may call the American Cancer Society at 301-722-2145 or toll free at 1-888-227-9979.

The workshop is a module of the American Cancer Society's "I Can Cope" series and is sponsored by the Health Department, American Cancer Society, GCMH, Garrett County Department of Social Services, and Hospice of Garrett County.

"Teaching With Technology" Class Slated For Parents

Parents' Place of Maryland has slated a free workshop titled "Teaching with Technology" for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in the media center of Beall Elementary School, located along College Avenue in Frostburg.

Presented by assistive technologists Rick Metheny and Katie Kierstead, the session is designed to provide parents and families with information on how they can help their child with special needs succeed in school with the use of assistive technology devices and services. "From a learning disability to autism to a speech/language delay to Down's syndrome to cerebral palsy, every child can benefit from AT support," a spokesperson said.

Some questions for those who may be considering to attend the workshop are:

- Does your child have a learning disability in reading, writing, or math?
- Does your child have difficulty in communicating, listening, or seeing in the classroom?
- Does your child need special seating to maintain

correct or comfortable posture?

• Does your child need special switches, trackballs, or touch windows in order to access a computer?

• Does your child have difficulty moving safely throughout the school?

• Does your school's physical education program need to be adapted for your child to participate?

• Does your child need assistance attending to personal care needs?

Refreshments will be served at the workshop, and baby-sitting will be provided. Persons may register for the session by calling Debbie DiPaolo at 301-689-5455.

Local Student Recognized At McDaniel College

A Garrett County student was among those recognized at the annual Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation at McDaniel College, Westminster, last week.

Michael J. Paesani, Oakland, a dual biology and chemistry major, was recognized for his induction into Phi Beta Kappa, the paramount honor society in the United States.

McDaniel will graduate the class of 2003 at the college's 133rd commencement on May 24.

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Cassel Ridge East Ribbon Cutting Held

The Garrett County Community Action Committee held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cassel Ridge East on Tuesday in Grantsville. Located along Hershberger Lane, the 36 one-, two-, and three-bedroom townhouses will be available for rent in June. Ground was broken for the units last June.

Participating in opening events for Cassel Ridge were more than 200 representatives from rural interest groups from around the country attending a rural community development conference at Deep Creek Lake. The conference is being sponsored by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Community Action in Garrett County is one of the rural affiliates of LISC.

Grantsville mayor Gerald Beachy said that Cassel Ridge is one of the building blocks in the town's efforts to prepare for the job growth being experienced in the community. Affordable decent housing is a central element to successful economic development, added the mayor. "We believe Cassel Ridge will respond directly to the jobs being created by ClosetMaid," Beachy said.

The townhouses are located next to the Grantsville Outreach Center and Parkside Estates, as well as the Grantsville Municipal Park. The future Grantsville Library is also being constructed in the immediate vicinity of the housing development.

"This is really an ideal location for family housing," said Beachy. He noted that persons will be able to access services through the Outreach Center, participate in the nearby senior and Head Start centers, and have easy access to the recreation opportunities offered by the town park.

The rent for the units will range from \$350 to \$430. The homes are for low- to moderate-income tenants.



THE RIBBON IS CUT AT CASSEL RIDGE EAST - Garrett County Community Action Committee held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cassel Ridge East, Grantsville, this week. Located along Hershberger Lane, the 36 one-, two-, and three-bedroom townhouses will be available for rent in June for low- and moderate-income tenants. See story for details. Participating in the opening events were 200 representatives from rural interest groups from around the country who were attending a conference at Deep Creek Lake, sponsored by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Pictured above, left to right, in the front row on the front porch of one of the townhouses are Dick Devlin, Devlin Inc., general contractor for the project; Travis F. Bohrer, commercial lending officer

for First United Bank & Trust; R.T. Thayer, Garrettland Inc.; a LISC representative; Senator John Hafer; Delegate George Edwards; vice chair Beverly Beard, GCCAC board of directors; Grantsville mayor Gerald Beachy; Garrett County commissioner Fred Holliday; and chair Lowell Bender, GCCAC board of directors. In the back row are Commissioner Ernie Gregg; Tim Magrath, representing Senator Paul Sarbanes; Amy Short, representing Senator Barbara Mikulski; and Commissioner Dave Beard. Pictured below are the LISC conference participants touring the new homes. Pictured right, is GCCAC president Duane Yoder being interviewed by Hagerstown television station WHAG, channel 25, about the new development. Photos by Lisa Broadwater and Glenn Tolbert.



Commissioner Fred Holliday stressed that the development would provide "affordable" housing, not

luxury housing. Through there are income guidelines to live in the homes, tenants are responsible for their entire rent payments.

The project is being financed through First United Bank and Trust, the state of Maryland, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. Private investment of more than \$2 million has also been generated through the allocation of low-income housing tax credits to the project.

Cassel Ridge is the culmination of three years of work by Community Action and its development team.

Members include Devlin Inc. as general contractor, Doug Devlin as architect, and Garrettland Inc. as the property company.

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Theft Counts Against Man Not Prosecuted

Two cases against a Friendsville man were not prosecuted in Garrett County Circuit Court last week. The State's Attorney's Office entered a "nolle prosequi," which is Latin for "we shall no longer prosecute," in a jury trial before Judge Jim Sherbin.

Steven Grant Savage, 43, pleaded not guilty to two counts of theft valued at \$500 or more in District Court earlier and requested a Circuit Court jury trial. He had been charged by the Garrett Bureau of Investigation in Dec. 2001 and Sept. 2002.

According to GBI reports, on or about Dec. 4 or 5, 2001, five windows valued at \$843 were stolen from the back porch of a

residence off Deer Field Road, Oakland. During that same period, lumber, plywood, and other building supplies valued at \$2,200 were also reported stolen from a construction site in McHenry.

Some of the lumber and building supplies were later found on property off Squire Fike Road. The windows and some of the plywood were also recovered in a wooded area in Friendsville.

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By Jeffrey F. Sincell

Bob Sincell was, quite simply, a modern-day Renaissance Man. He held equal respect and admiration for all the branches of science and engineering, as well as for music, literature and art, for nature and philosophy, history and humor. He was an Eagle Scout, which, for those not familiar, involves literally years of dedicated attention to detail, focusing on dozens of projects that cover the range of human endeavor. He strove to know something useful about everything, and he set about it at an early age.

His talent for the practical aspects of engineering is nowhere more evident than in the home in which he and Hannah have lived since I was 5 years old. He built nearly all of it with his own hands, just working evenings and weekends. It took years to finish it all, but he never let up. And he rarely missed a day at work.

That house is just one good example. He built airplanes when he was a kid - model airplanes that flew and with which he'd play until he grew tired of them. Then he'd set them on fire, and fly one last mission out the third-story window of his grandparents' big house on Second Street, watching eagerly as the miniature planes spiraled to the ground. He built tree houses and forts, repaired bicycles and radios, kept as many animals as he could get his hands on, and lived next door to the school on Center Street, where he once sat in class and watched his mother trying to put out a fire he had started in his tree house. He had tired of that design and wanted to build a new one.

His penchant for fire and fireworks went back to his early days in Oakland, when black powder could be purchased at Naylor's Hardware by the pound, and the culture wasn't so obsessed with the idea that no explosion can be fun. The sound of cannon fire must have been heard for miles around the town. I know how it was when I was a kid, and Dad could have gotten (and surely did get) away with a lot more than we did. Dad and his friends would get up on Crook's Crest and fire golf balls out of a cannon into the Oakland Cemetery, for heaven's sake.

He told me one time he was outside his house (which was just short of being in downtown Oakland) when there was a tremendous explosion, and his dad came running out of the house to find a group of boys standing near a slowly drifting cloud of gray smoke. "What was that?" Mose had rather excitedly asked. "Just a firecracker, Dad" was the reply. Well, truth be told, it wasn't a firecracker, but a cannon, and it hadn't fired according to plan, but instead had exploded with everyone standing around it. Dad had spoken to his father while quietly concealing a wound in his stomach where a piece of the cannon had torn into him. In this respect, and several others, it's a wonder he survived.

Getting back to his more constructive activities, he built kayaks for us when we were kids - full-size boats made of pine and canvas with delightfully complex nose assemblies that he designed and then had a fit getting together. One after another, he built them in the basement, every evening, after work, over weeks and months, until we all had a boat. Looking back, the man seemed obsessed with keeping busy, but we had a ball in those boats, and we benefit today from his unyielding tenacity and his ability to focus all his energy on whatever worthy task he chose to pursue.

He built an electric motor when I was maybe 6 or 7 years old out of nails and wire mounted on a board. It ran great with a train transformer, and it taught me how a motor works. I so remember the smell of that little engine because if you turned it up real fast, it would get hot and stink. He would build this stuff and show it to us and then leave it up to us to figure out what to do with it. I attribute my skill as an engineer to the vast array of stimuli he and Mom provided in my early years, coupled with the freedom we had to play and think and dream under his quiet guidance, and the work ethic he demonstrated on a daily basis, year in and year out.

He and Mom bought us, at considerable personal sacrifice, first wooden blocks and Tinker Toys and an Erector Set and then a train set (several of those)

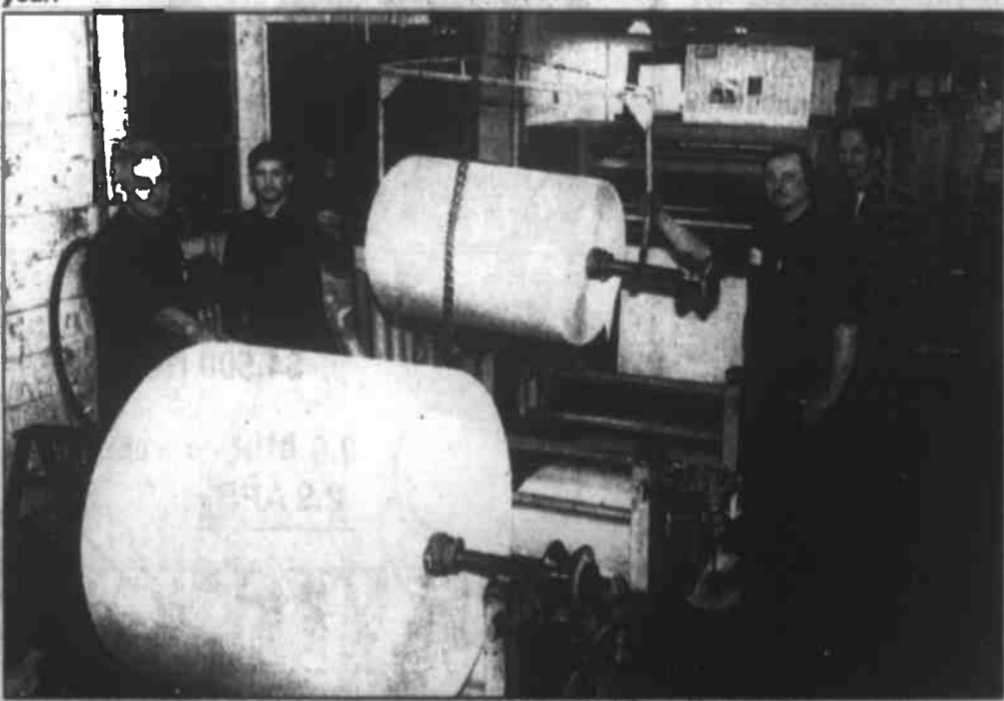
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AT THE TENDER AGE OF 17, Bob Sincell left the security of his Oakland home to offer his help to his country during World War II. He served in the Central Pacific as a rear gunner in a dive bomber with Scout-Ing Squadron No. 66. He was based on the Hawaiian Islands, Oahu, Saipan, and Tinian during most of his tour and was honorably discharged from the service in 1946 with the rating of Aviation Radioman First Class.



A LONG CAREER - These three photographs mark moments of Robert's lengthy career with Sincell Publishing. Hot type was the medium used for The Republican newspaper for nearly a century, and a very young Bob is pictured above as he works with a heavy, complicated piece of lead. In the middle photo, Bob is shown with the press crew in 1987. His knowledge of the printing business had to change with the times, from hot type to offset. But his seemingly innate understanding of machinery aided him in the many transitions he was forced to make. In the third photograph, he is pictured at the Linotype, an ancient and complex piece of machinery that he remained quite able to operate nearly up to his retirement this year.



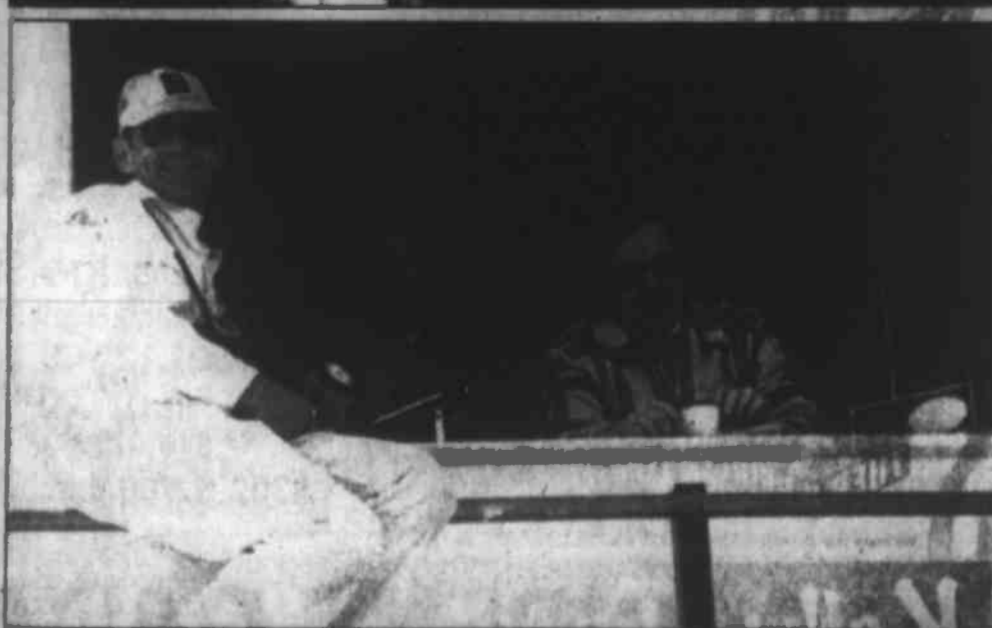
MANY HATS (In addition to the one on his head) were worn by Bob Sincell throughout his busy life. This photo is a testament to that, as he is wearing his National Ski Patrol equipment, and is also obviously covering some Wile E. Coyote event for The Republican. Although he worked chiefly in advertising and then in commercial printing at Sincell Publishing, he also was well-versed in photography and dark room techniques, and was a



good writer. Bob knew the entire business inside and out, and remained dedicated to it, as well as to his family and his community. He is pictured at right with granddaughter Rachel Sincell, who apparently borrowed this particular hat for a while, much to her grandfather's amusement. Bob was especially proud of his 10 grandchildren.



CHURCH AND FAMILY were of great importance to Bob all his life. He is pictured above with his wife and children, Christmas 1959, which was the second Christmas the family spent in the home he and Hannah built. The occasion of youngest daughter Mary Ruth's baptism is shown below in a photo taken by son Don. Bob was a very active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church throughout his life, serving as council member, council president, a Sunday school teacher for at least 25 years, and a member of the choir for over 50 years.



A PIONEER IN EMERGENCY CARE - Robert is pictured above in the green box at the Southern High School athletic field. He is dressed in his EMT uniform, as he was covering the game with the Southern Garrett Rescue Squad. Bob was instrumental in initiating the practice of having the rescue squad available at sporting events to immediately attend to athletes injured during the games. His enthusiasm for the emergency care was passed on to his children, with four of the five obtaining EMT certification and serving on the rescue squad. His wife Hannah was certified and volunteered alongside her husband for many years. Their three sons were also certified and served with the National Ski Patrol.



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